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Dear Barney:

We were all disappointed in the Congressional action which cut the SETI program from the NASA budget for FY '79. Everyone in the Executive Branch was behind the SETI proposal including the President, OMB, and my own office.

We will try again next year perhaps in another guise, and perhaps with a better effort to convince Senator Proxmire and Congressman Boland that this is an extremely worthy project, with great potential significance to the course of human development.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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